

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Shimoji et al.
App. No	:	10/564,874
Filed	:	January 17, 2006
For	:	SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE
Examiner	:	Orkin, Alexander J.
Art Unit	:	3773
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 29, 2009**Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 29, 2009 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.

The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. As no amendments have been requested, the listing of the current pending claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.